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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/982,270

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:           Anders (nmi) Vinberg  
Serial No.:                       09/982,270  
Filing Date:                   October 17, 2001  
Art Unit:                        2672  
Confirmation No.:              7992  
Examiner:                       Ryan R. Yang  
Title:                            Method and Apparatus for Displaying 3-D State Indicators

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Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM  
OF PRIORITY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a), Applicant hereby petitions for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of a prior-filed application.

**I. Reference Required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a) to Prior-Filed Applications**

In the Response filed on November 22, 2006, Applicant amended the Specification of the present application to include a reference to prior-filed applications. As amended, the Specification of the present application recites, in part:

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Serial Numbers 60/241,049 and 60/241,051 both filed October 17, 2000. Further, this application is a Continuation-in-Part of co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number 09/949,101 entitled "Network Management System Using Virtual Reality Techniques to Display and Simulate Navigation to Network Computers" filed September 7, 2001, which is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/408,213 entitled "Network Management System Using Virtual Reality Techniques to Display and Simulate Navigation to Network Components" filed September 27, 1999 (now U.S. Patent Number 6,289,380), which is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 08/892,919 entitled "Network Management System Using Virtual Reality Techniques to Display and Simulate Navigation to Network Components" filed July 15, 1997 (now U.S. Patent Number 5,958,012), which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Serial Number 60/021,980 filed on July 18, 1996. This application is further related to co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number 09/558,897 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Predictively and Graphically Administering a Networked Computer System in a Time Dimension" filed April 26, 2000, and U.S. Application Serial Number 09/559,237 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Maintaining Data Integrity Across Distributed Computer Systems" filed April 26, 2000. Except for U.S. Application Serial Numbers 09/408,213 and 08/892,919 and U.S. Provisional Serial Number 60/021,980, each Each of the previously mentioned applications is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. The concurrently filed U.S. Non-Provisional Application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Displaying 3D State Indicators" is also incorporated herein by reference.

(Specification; page 2, lines 4-15).

## **II. Statement of Facts in Support of Petition**

1. The present application was filed in the United States on October 17, 2001. Immediately following the title, the Specification stated that the present application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/949,101 filed September 7, 2001.

2. U.S. Application Serial Number 09/949,101 is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/408,213 filed September 27, 1999 (now U.S. Patent Number 6,289,380), which is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 08/892,919 filed July 15, 1997 (now U.S. Patent Number 5,958,012), which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Serial Number 60/021,980 filed July 18, 1996.

3. Although the present application included a specific reference to U.S. Application Serial Number 09/949,101, a reference to the parent applications of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/949,101 (i.e., U.S. Application Serial Numbers 09/408,213 and 08/892,919 and U.S. Provisional Serial Number 60/021,980) was inadvertently omitted from the present application.

4. The entire delay between the date the claim of priority was due and the date of this petition was unintentional.

5. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge \$1,370.00 in payment for the required fee to file this petition, to charge any additional fees, and to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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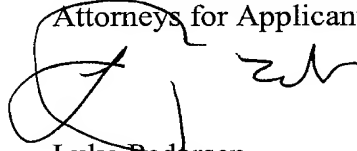
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6. If additional clarification or evidence is required, please contact the undersigned attorney at your earliest convenience. It is respectfully requested that this Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Luke Pedersen', is written over the printed name.

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